

Tennessee Arts Commission
Sample Program – Student Ticket Subsidy

Artist or Organization's Name: International Storytelling Center

Presentation/Activity Name: *Storytelling Live!* Teller-in-Residence Series

Indicate which of the following disciplines this activity represents (check all that apply):

Dance **Music*** **Theatre*** Literary Visual **Storytelling***

Beginning Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 Ending Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Time(s): A 45-minute, private morning performance (10:30-11:15 a.m.) may be arranged for school groups on Wednesday – Friday of the Teller-in-Residence season. For information or reservations, please contact program administrator Becky Brunson at 423-913-1343

Location: International Storytelling Center, 100 West Main Street, Jonesborough, TN 37659

Fee or Ticket Cost: \$5.00 for students and teachers

Brief Description of Activity (include length of activity in minutes):

Each week during May through October, a different storyteller appears at the International Storytelling Center Theater in the Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall. There will be a 45-minute storytelling session with the Teller-in-Residence of the week.

How does the presentation increase the students' appreciation for and knowledge of the art form?

It gives the student a live experience with a professional storyteller from a range of cultures and genres. The artist will engage the students with entertaining and enlightening tales that spark the imagination and encourage participation.

Why should teachers give up valuable instruction time for the presentation?

A real performance of storytelling can make the story come alive for a student. It is a very different experience than watching a storyteller on video or just reading a story. It can help a student engage in the story, increase comprehension, and show different art forms and techniques such as mime, the use of sound effects to enhance the story, music used as part of storytelling, theatre, etc.

What are the educational goals of the presentation?

The educational goals are: to teach valuable life lessons, increase listening and communication skills, show how the written word can be used in speaking, help the student learn about different cultures and enhance the learning of language patterns and new vocabulary. Students will be able to compare and contrast different stories and styles of storytelling.